

Last Dying Speeches, Birth, Parentage, &c.

OF

*John Lewis, late Drummer in
the 3d Regiment of Guards, for Rioting at
Charing Cross.*

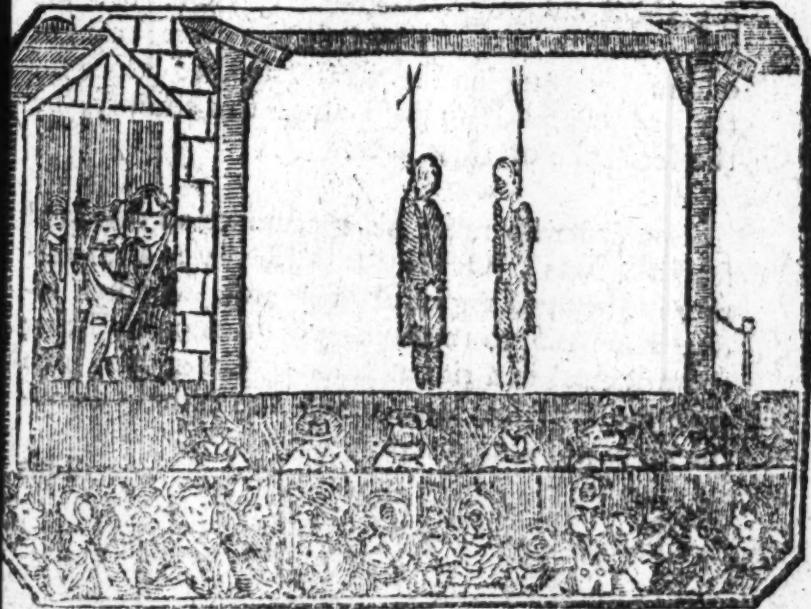
*Erick Han. Falck, for Forgery,
Who were executed Yesterday before the Debtor's
Door, Newgate.*

ALSO AN ACCOUNT OF

*Thomas Hassel and Henry Hale,
for Burglary, who were to have been executed
at the same time, but received a reprieve.*

TO WHICH IS ADDED,

An Affecting COPY of a LETTER, sent by
ERICK HAN. FALCK, to the Daughter of a
respectable Tradesman, whom he was to marry



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T H E

Last Dying Speeches.

THIS morning, Wednesday, Nov. 11, the four unfortunate Malefactors were brought out of Newgate on the fatal stage, to atone for their infringement on the laws of this country, by the forfeiture of their lives.

The first who made his appearance on this fatal scaffold, was JOHN LEWIS, late a drummer in the third regiment of guards, who had reduced himself to this unhappy situation by being the principal in a riot at Charing-Cross, at which time the house of Mr. Hellop was entirely demolished.

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This unfortunate culprit is in the twentieth year of his age, tall and graceful in his person; which at once exhibited a manly sorrow and genuine marks of repentance. He was born of very honest and industrious parents in Exeter-street, London, and received his education in the school belonging to the New Church in the Strand. During the time he was at school, he was remarked for his good behaviour on all occasions; and was beloved by all belonging to that very respectable school.

Some little time after he left the school, he enlisted into the third regiment of guards; and with them went as a drummer to the Continent in the army commanded by the Duke of York; in this regiment he behaved with such propriety as gained him the universal esteem of both officers and men.

During the time of his being with the army on the Continent, he gave the most evident and convincing proofs of his personal courage and humanity; as was incontestibly proved by the declarations of his officers on oath at his trial. It was invariably his custom to secure the arms of the killed, and by every kind office in his power alleviated the sufferings of those who were unfortunate enough to be wounded; by which endeavours he saved many a brave soldier to fight again for King

King and Country—many a tender father was enabled by his assistance once more to see his beloved wife and distressed family—not a few families in this metropolis are indebted to his humanity and spirited exertions for the safe return of their fathers and friends. The smiling infant prattling round the knee of his fond father, may bless the name of Lewis, for the felicity he now enjoys, and lament the fate of him who saved his all!

The circumstances which attended the riot are already generally known to the public, we shall therefore only give the outlines. John Lewis, who this morning paid his life as the forfeit of his being the principal and promoter of it went into the house of Mr. Heslop which was once a public house, and called for some porter; he was told he could have none—nor did they sell any. He insisted on having some; some conversation ensued and a serjeant belonging to the Northumberland Fencibles being there interferred, and Lewis was turned to the door. He vowed revenge calling the serjeant a crimp, &c. soon after the riots began: and a young woman who lived in the neighbourhood proved his being concerned in destroying the furniture, &c.

His appearance at the fatal spot interested the spectators in his favour particularly the female part. Their bosoms swelled with pity that so young, so beautiful

beautiful a youth, one too who had so nobly fought for his King and Country should at length terminate his life in such a disgraceful and ignominious manner.

After praying devoutly with the Ordinary for some time; and behaving with the utmost propriety for one in his situation he requested leave to address the surrounding multitude, which he did to the following effect :

" That he sincerely repented of being the author of the late disturbance at Charing Cross. Cautioning young men in the most pathetic language to beware of the sin of drunkenness, as it was the occasion of the error into which he had fallen ; by its nursing in him a spirit of revenge, made him commit the fatal and rash action, which cost him his. He said he sincerely forgave his persecutors and concluded with begging the spectators to take warning by his fate ; and requesting their prayers for his departing soul, hoping for forgiveness."

ERICK HANSOM FALCK, next appeared, he was brought to his unhappy end by making, forging and counterfeiting, uttering and publishing as true a certain promissory note for payment of money, dated the 18th of September 1794, purporting to have been drawn by Robert Martin
for

for the payment of 26l. 5s. to Mr: Edward Ford
or order, with intention to defraud William Sills.

This unhappy culprit was born in a small village in Surry, of honest and industrious parents, who gave him as good an education as their circumstances would possibly admit ; nay, they perhaps even went beyond prudence in this matter ; and by fitting him for a superior station of life than what he could have expected, led him by degrees to commit the fatal action which proved his ruin.

He was in the thirtieth year of his age, full of life and spirits. By the possession of a vivacity of temper which led him into company ; he contracted such a habit for convivial meetings, that he could not do without them, never being happy except in the company of some his choice companions.

Though possessed of a competency through a place which he had obtained by his ingenuity and ability, he found himself at length obliged either to relinquish his old customs or take improper and dishonest means for their support which latter he unhappily preferred.

He behaved during the whole of the awful ceremony with becoming propriety joining in prayer with the clergyman who attended : He said he forgave

forgave his prosecutors and begged the prayers of the surrounding multitude.

THOMAS HASEL and HENRY HALE, who were to have been executed at the same time, received a Reprieve at three o'clock. They had forfeited their lives to the laws of their country by burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling house of Wm. Hodson, and stealing therein a quantity of lump sugar, a pair of silk stockings, and other articles.

They broke open the house at night which is a public house, the sign of the Guildford arms, Lamb Conduit-street; as soon as they got into the house they met with some wine with which they regaled themselves for some time. Afterwards committed the burglary, being able to come at nothing but the above articles.

HENRY HALE was born of very respectable parents in the city, several of his relations are now in the first eminence as merchants.

E. H. Falck, the night before he was executed, wrote the following letter to the daughter of a very respectable tradesman in Cheapside, to whom he was to have been married.

“ LOVELY MARIA,

Most amiable of thy sex, how shall I guide the pen that must write the fatal word farewell—O ! my

my Maria, I feel more for the pangs that you must suffer on this lamentable occasion, than for myself. A too great desire of pleasure and the company of those, whom the love of such an angel as you are, ought to have made me despise, have brought me in this situation. Reflection, and that not of the most pleasing kind, have opened my eyes to my past follies. O ! my dear, horrible indeed, was the first objects it presented ; but the kind offices of that best of men, the Ordinary of Newgate, and proper reflections, have opened scenes of mercy, that but for my present situation I had perhaps never have known, but blessed be my Saviour for opening my eyes thtough this good man's means—But my time is now short in this world. I hope and sincerely expect soon to enjoy a happier and lastihg state of felicity—Felicity that shall never fade—till we meet in that happy state of everlasting bliss ; and sincerely recommending you to the protection of the Omnipotent being—I bid you, as tomorrow I must all the world—Farewel—A long farewel!

ERICK HAN. FALCK."

After the criminals had prayed for some time together, and bid one another farewell. The fatal rope being properly fixed by the executioner, the platform was let down and they were all launched into eternity. After hanging the usual time their bodies were delivered to their friends for interment.

